

# THE BEAT



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## Police Kick-Off the New School Year with Enforcement and Education

As children prepare to return to school this month, Howard County police are working to ensure that students, parents and teachers arrive safely. Through a multi-faceted program, officers are conducting speed enforcement in school zones, enforcing seat belt laws, educating teens about safe driving and protecting school buses.

The H.A.S.T.E. program (Helping Arriving Students Through Enforcement) was implemented several years ago by the police department to raise awareness about traffic safety in school zones. Targeted patrols are in place on roadways surrounding elementary, middle and high schools for the first two weeks of the school year.

Officers are using radar and other methods to identify drivers who are speeding in those areas. This year, for the first time, the police department is using a speed camera to issue warnings with photos to speeders in school zones.

"We hope that police presence around the schools sends a message to drivers to slow down," said Chief of Police G. Wayne Live-say. "Students throughout the region are walking and driving to and from school and we want to make sure every one of them arrives safely."

The speed camera, which is being rotated among county schools, is used to issue non-



punitive warnings, with no fines or points attached. The effort is intended to educate motorists and raise awareness about traveling at high speeds.

In addition to keeping pedestrians from harm, police are working to keep those in vehicles safe as well. As parents and high-school students drive to school, officers are checking for seat belt and child safety seat use to ensure that all children, teenagers and adults are properly restrained.

In a new initiative this year, the police department is conducting safe-driving presentations that are mandatory for all students requesting parking permits at Howard County high schools. The goal of the program is to attach driver responsibility to the privilege of having a permit. Police also are reminding drivers that they are required to stop for school buses

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## Chief's Message: Tracking Sex Offenders is Top Priority

Over the last 10 years, our department has been photographing, fingerprinting, and obtaining personal information on convicted sex offenders living in Howard County. Every year, sex offenders are required to come into our police headquarters and be processed. They must provide us with current address and work information, and before they leave, sign paperwork requiring them to call the police within seven days should they change residence or employment.

It recently came to light that the address and work information listed in the sex offender registries for states across the nation is simply not accurate. Either the offenders are not providing correct information, or they are changing information and failing to report it. Either way, they are breaking the law.

We held a news conference last month to announce the results of an initiative to confirm the registry information for each sex offender in Howard County. Of the 76 offenders we checked, 13 were found to no longer be living where they said they were. None had informed the department of a change of address. As a result, arrest warrants were issued

for each of the violators. To date, 11 have been arrested.

I have asked County Executive Jim Robey for approval to go to the state delegation to ask for a change in the law. I'd like to see it become a felony for sex offenders who fail to register or fail to report a change of address. I'd also like to see a requirement that all sex offenders register with local law enforcement agencies; currently some categories of offenders are required to register only with the state.

We also have applied for a grant from the Department of Justice that would enable us to create a full-time officer position to work exclusively on tracking sex offenders. The grant also would provide money for an administrative employee to assist in the effort. We are hopeful that we will be awarded the grant and should find out some time this month.

I want the public to know that we will continue to go above and beyond what is required to maintain an accurate sex offender registry, and that we will continue to conduct unannounced checks to ensure that every sex offender in Howard County is accounted for. All citizens can check the registry, which is updated regularly, at our Web site, [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org).

## THE BEAT's *New Look*

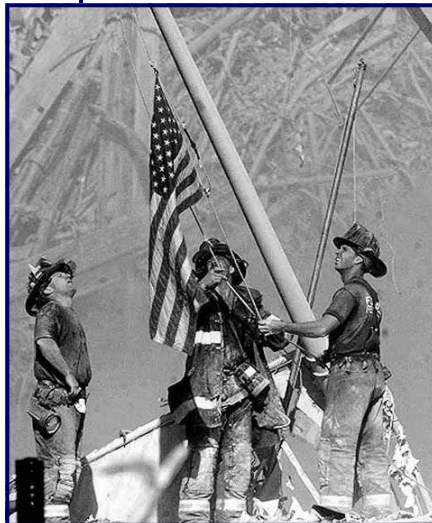
After two and a half years with the same design for *THE BEAT*, the Office of Public Affairs has created a new look for the newsletter. The black and blue color scheme follows the police department's vehicles and the layout is intended to offer more visual appeal. We will start to use photos on the cover whenever possible to offer a sneak peek at topics covered in the issue.

We hope you like *THE BEAT*'s new look and will continue to enjoy reading what's inside.

*-From THE BEAT Staff*

## Remembering *September 11*

On Sept. 11, the police department will honor those lives lost in the most horrific terrorist attack in United States history. More than 3,000 lives were lost that day, including 71 police officers killed in the line-of-duty.



The police department will commemorate Sept. 11 in a number of ways. All HCPD members will wear 9-11 memorial pins, and officers will wear badge shrouds, from Sept. 11-17. A black bunting also will hang at the Memorial Garden at police headquarters. On Sept. 11, police vehicles will operate with their headlights on and flags around the country will fly at half-staff.

In addition, Police Chief Wayne Livesay will participate in the county's wreath-laying ceremony on Sept. 11 at Centennial Park.

The department will honor all who lost their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice.

*By PFC Dave Proulx*



## Home Loan Program Offered to HCPD Employees



A local bank is launching a home loan program that will be available to sworn and civilian members of the Howard County Police Department.

Howard Bank is offering the loan program to facilitate the first-time purchase of a Howard County home by professionals serving the community who are struggling with the rapidly escalating cost of housing in one of the most affluent communities in the country. The program will be available to police employees, firefighters, teachers, Howard County government workers and employees of Howard County General Hospital.

According to Howard Bank, the average price of a home sold in Howard County in June was \$451,871, more than 20 percent higher than in June of 2004, when the average price of housing jumped 22.5 percent over the previous year.

"Howard Bank hopes to strengthen, in some small way, the fabric of the community by making it easier for these workers to buy, renovate and finance their first home in the same county where they work," said Howard Bank President and CEO Mary Ann Scully.

The initiative is the first loan program targeted to professionals under Howard Bank's

Community Enrichment Program.

One of the key components of the loan program is the absence of a down payment requirement. Conventional mortgages traditionally require 20 percent down payment to qualify for a loan; buyers of a \$350,000 house would need \$70,000 up-front.

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*Mary Ann Scully,  
President and CEO  
of Howard Bank*

The Howard Bank Public Servant Loan Program will cover 100 percent of the purchase price of the home, plus an additional 10 percent for closing costs and documented home improvement expenses.

For more information about Howard Bank, call 410-750-0020 or visit

their Web site at [www.howardbank.com](http://www.howardbank.com).

*By Sherry Llewellyn*

### Program

### Highlights

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- No down payment requirement
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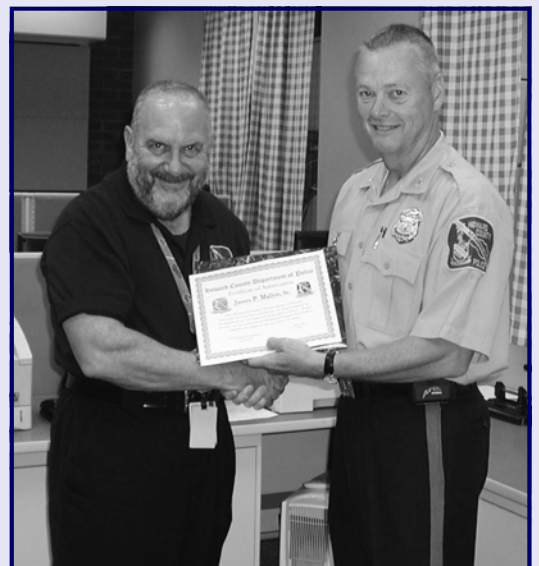
## Dispatcher Jimmy Mallon Retires

After 16 years of service, Jimmy Mallon retired from the police department's Communications Division last month. Jimmy began his second career with the department in 1989 after retiring from the Baltimore County Police Department, where he served for 21 years.

Jimmy worked at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital for three years as second-in-charge of security before joining Howard County.

An avid baseball fan, Jimmy celebrated his retirement last month during a Bowie Baysox baseball game in which he got to throw out the first pitch. The police department congratulates Jimmy and wishes him the best of luck in his future endeavors. *By PFC David Proulx*

*Jimmy Mallon, who retired after 16 years in Communications, receives a certificate of appreciation from Chief Wayne Livesay.*



## National Night Out 2005: *Bringing Cops and Communities Together to Fight Crime*

In an evening of fun and camaraderie, Howard County police officers visited communities throughout the county during the 22nd Annual National Night Out celebration on August 2. The purpose of the event was to send a message to criminals that communities around the nation are banding together to fight crime.

The police department and community groups planned more than 30 events, including block parties, fun runs, cookout, pool parties and desert socials, throughout the county. Police hosted events in the Community Policing Offices in North Laurel, Long Reach, Harper's Choice, and Oakland Mills. Those parties included music, food and fun for many local participants.

National Night Out was a great success, thanks to the efforts of police officers, HCPD civilians, volunteers and community groups. Congratulations to everyone involved in planning another successful event. See you next year!



*Above, Cpl. Gabe Arias says hello to neighborhood kids while at the Cradlerock Library in Columbia, where the NNO 2005 Proclamation was presented by County Executive James Robey and Police Chief Wayne Livesay.*

## HCPD Sponsors *Strongest Cop* Contest for Charity

On Aug. 14, 40 police officers from departments throughout Maryland competed in Columbia in an attempt to earn the title of "Maryland's Strongest Cop." Presented by the Howard County Police Department, the event raised nearly \$6,000 for Special Olympics Maryland.

The team trophy was presented to the HCPD's power lifting team. Aberdeen Proving Grounds Police Officer Matt Long won the men's title for the second year in a row. Long performed a 600 lb. squat, 470 lb. bench press and a 700 lb. dead lift. The women's title was presented to Baltimore County Officer Christine Sisk who posted a 160 lb. squat, 160 lb. bench press and a 265 lb. dead lift.



*HCPD Cpl. Eric Brown lifts 405 lbs. in the "Strongest Cop" event.*

## New Arrivals



On August 11, Madeline McCoy was born to PFC Mark Duncan and his wife Lisa. Baby Madeline weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz. and is doing great!

On August 18, PFC Anthony Nigro and his wife Susan welcomed their new baby Dominic into the family. Dominic weighed 9 lbs., 9oz. and was 22 inches long. Congratulations!

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with red lights flashing. Officers in covert vehicles are following school buses to watch for drivers who fail to stop. The fine for this violation is \$550.

"This is a time of year when everyone should be especially cautious on the roads," said Chief Livesay. "We are working to raise awareness and help avoid a potential tragedy before it happens."

The police department will continue to conduct enforcement and educational efforts throughout the school year.  
*By Sherry Llewellyn*



**DFC Joseph King**

## DFC Joseph King Selected as June's Police Officer of the Month

Detective First Class Joseph King has been selected as Police Officer of the Month for June. He is being recognized for his significant contributions in the Criminal Investigation Bureau and the closure of several cases including a string of robberies, a carjacking, motor vehicle thefts, burglary and theft.

DFC King identified two suspects after a home invasion robbery in Clarksville. The identification led to the recovery of stolen property and the identity of a third suspect. DFC King then connected the three suspects to a string of robberies, burglaries, vehicle thefts and thefts from autos that had been occurring since May. Through his investigative efforts, numerous items that had been stolen were recovered, and the three arrests netted the closure of two robberies, one burglary, 13 thefts from autos and two motor vehicle thefts.

In another case, DFC King arrested a man for an armed street robbery after he robbed a woman of several thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. The man was stopped by police officers several days after the robbery and DFC King was able to confirm the man as a suspect. DFC King then recovered some of the stolen jewelry and arrested the suspect, who was later found to be wanted by the FBI on several warrants.

DFC King also closed a carjacking investigation that began in June when three victims reported being carjacked at gun point in Columbia. The victim's car was later recovered in Baltimore and evidence identified a suspect in the crime. DFC King established a timeline of events and suspects, which included the victim's car being used in several robberies in a neighboring county. DFC identified and arrested the suspect in the carjacking.

DFC King's commitment and investigative abilities significantly contributed to the reduction of crime through arrests of serious offenders and closure of cases. *By PFC David Proulx*

## Record Section's Calvin Jerry Named Civilian of the Quarter

Calvin Jerry of the Records Section was selected recently as the police department's Civilian of the Quarter. As an 18-year employee of the agency, Calvin has mastered the duties assigned to him. He is always willing to assist his fellow co-workers, share his knowledge and take on additional tasks when needed. He makes recommendations to improve the service the section provides to the public, as well as internal customers and outside agencies. Calvin's supervisors have received numerous compliments regarding the service he provides. Calvin's can-do attitude and his ability to get the job done are evident in his daily workday.

Calvin has taken it upon himself to implement and manage a filing system at the department's warehouse facility. This system assists with the accurate storage of incident reports, arrest reports and other critical documents. Additionally, the maintenance of this system has freed personnel to complete other tasks. Calvin coordinates the delivery of all documents to the county's optical imaging staff for inclusion into the system.

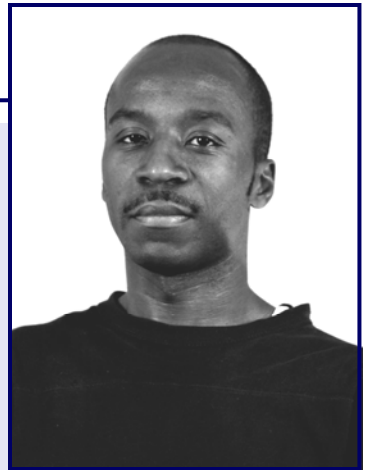
His efforts and the efforts of his co-workers have moved the section's scheduled completion date ahead by three months.

Calvin routinely data enters approximately 25 accident reports and 100-150 citations per week.

He processes all citations, warnings and SEROs, which total approximately 1,500 per week. Calvin maintains and orders the department's citations and completes approximately 50 report requests per week. He exceeds expectations and volunteers to take on additional duties and special assignments.

Calvin is an extremely dedicated employee who constantly strives to ensure accurate timely work completion. He takes on these additional tasks with a smile and a true sense of ownership for any assignment. His quality of work, from daily assignments to special projects, is commendable.

*By Sherry Llewellyn*



**Calvin Jerry**



## HCPD *FIT*: Testing this Month

Could you use an extra \$400? Starting this month, the Education and Training Division will begin facilitating the Annual Physical Fitness Evaluation, also known as the voluntary PT test, for all sworn HCPD members. Participants will be rewarded \$100 for each test they pass—up to \$400 for passing all four.

The evaluation will consist of a bench press while seated, sit-ups, a sit and reach test and a one-and-a-half mile run or walk. Participants must be off-duty to take the test, which will be held at the Howard Community College's Athletic and Fitness Center.

Fit testing dates and times, as well as testing standards, are available for officers on the HCPD Web site, [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org), under the "Training Division" link. Officers interested in participating must contact Pfc. Vic Selvaggi to schedule an appointment via Group Wise or at ext. 6087.



## Join the Citizens Advisory Council

The Howard County Police Department's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) is an essential group that advises the Chief of Police on issues affecting citizens and the agency. The group, which is recruiting new members, is part of the continuing effort to involve the community with the activities of the police department.

"The Citizens Advisory Council is instrumental in offering input about how we can best serve the community," said Chief Wayne Livesay. "We are fortunate to have an active and interested group to help guide us in our efforts."

The Council meets monthly to facilitate the flow of information to and from the police department. Comprised of community representatives from around the county, the group engages in active discussion and creative problem-solving efforts. The council then makes recommendations to Chief Livesay in an effort to improve the efficiency of police services.

The Council can include as many as 45 members and is always looking

for new people who can offer new perspectives.

"The benefit of being a part of the council is that it puts you in contact with the most stellar law enforcement agency in this region," said Herb Watchinski, Jr., president of the CAC. "It offers a forum to better understand the police department and provide input that will help communities achieve higher levels of safety and service."

Council members serve for two-year terms, which may be renewed. The group looks to appoint members who represent a wide spectrum of interests and concerns throughout the county.

"We want to maintain a diverse membership, culturally and geographically, that will represent all of the 'ins and outs,' 'lefts and rights,' and 'ups and downs' in this county," Watchinski said.

If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about joining the CAC, contact Lt. John Newnan at (410) 313-2105 or visit the police department's Web site at [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org). *By Sherry Llewellyn*

## Meet HCPD's New Cold Case Investigator

The police department has hired Nick De Carlo, a retired police sergeant, as the new cold case investigator in CIB. Nick comes to Howard County after serving more than 30 years with the Montgomery County Police Department.

With extensive experience in major crime investigation, Nick's role will be to review unsolved homicide cases from years past. He will be looking at 23 open homicides and two missing person cases dating back to 1975.

While the homicide closure rate remains outstanding in Howard County, the department wants to be sure to leave no stone unturned in any open cases. The department welcomes Nick and looks forward to his efforts. *By Sherry Llewellyn*

*Nick De Carlo, a retired Montgomery County Police sergeant, will look for new leads in 25 cold cases.*



## Retirees' Beat by retired HCPD Lt. Timothy Branning

Retired Corporal **Dave Suggs** is expanding his professional expertise into the area of mortgages lending. Dave, who stated "as part of my never ending attempt to get out of police work for good," has taken a position with Mortgage Equity Lenders. The company has its main office in Owings Mills, Md. Dave is licensed to do business in Maryland, Florida, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Keep Dave in mind if you are in the market for those types of services.

Many of you remember District Court Judge **Louis Becker III**. Judge Becker was recently appointed to the Howard County Circuit Court. Judge Becker served on the District Court bench since 1989. Also appointed to the Circuit Court was **Richard S. Bernhardt**. Most of you will remember Judge Bernhardt as an opponent, as he served fourteen years as an assistant public defender in Howard County. The vacancies on the bench were created by the retirements of Judges **James Dudley** and **Raymond Kane**.

Our sympathy to former Officer **Frank Dawson** and his family. Frank's father, Rev. Frank P. Dawson Jr., passed away on July 29. Frank, who served with HCPD from 1973 through 1988, resides in Columbia and is employed with the Howard County Board of Education.

We also mourn the loss of another person with HCPD connections. **Jim Parker**, the former Baltimore Colt offensive lineman, passed away on July 18. "Big Jim" was the coach for our HCPD flag football team (the Eagles) in the early 1970's. Jim, who was a member of the NFL Hall of Fame, was a longtime Phelps Luck resident and

always enjoyed a fond relationship with HCPD officers.

Retired Sergeant **Dave Richards** has finally moved into his new home in Sneads Ferry, NC, near Topsail Island. Word is that Dave is doing great and enjoying retired life.

Do you remember **Emma Young**? If you were with HCPD between 1965 and 1968, you might. has returned to HCPD as a part time contingent employee assigned to the Warrant section.

Who remembers the 1973 basketball game between HCPD and MSP Waterloo? I remember it, but looking at an old game program that **Jimmy Dawson** recently came upon surely helped me. The HCPD team consisted of **Eddie Geisler, J.D., Dave Miller, Bob Reid, Fred McHargue, Bobby Adams, Wayne White, Herman Charity, Jim Rose, Sam Hammond, and Buddy Rudacille**. Captain **Bob Mathews** was the coach with Chief **Garland Walters** serving as the honorary coach. Then Pfc. **Joe Collins** provided a K-9 demonstration during half time. Some recognizable names of our old MSP friends from the Waterloo line-up were **Bill Reich, Frank "Buzzy" France, Charlie Skuhr, Bill Nelson and Mike King**.

The time has come to start thinking about the Third Annual Retired Officers Association Bull & Oyster Roast. The first two were very successful events, bringing many old and current HCPD members together for an evening of fun and food. This year's event will be on *Saturday, November 12* at the American Legion Post in Laurel. Hope to see you there!

## HCPD to Certify Retirees to Carry Concealed Firearms

In July of 2004, President Bush signed the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, enabling active police officers to carry their firearms across state lines when off-duty. The law also gave retired police officers the same privilege, provided that they are certified by a police agency with their handguns.

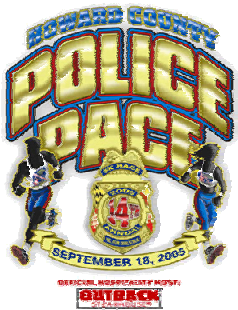
The Howard County Police Department hopes to begin the certification process this fall so that retirees can begin taking advantage of the new law. The department will be certifying retirees with their handguns and will provide them with the photo identification that the law requires for carrying the handgun over state lines.

At this writing, the police department was still working to finalize a new policy addressing the law. Many retirees have assisted in the process by submitting feedback on the policy's draft.

The department will notify retirees once the policy is adopted and certification times are scheduled.

HCPD retirees can contact the Education and Training Division at 410-313-6080 to obtain more information about qualifying, or visit the Web site at [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org).  
By PFC Jennifer Reidy

# 14th Annual Police Pace Set for September 18



The Howard County Police Department will host the 14th annual Howard County "Police Pace" 5K Race and One Mile Walk/Run at Centennial Park on Sept. 18.

Proceeds from the event, which is sponsored by the Howard County Police Foundation, will benefit a number of charitable initiatives,

including a college scholarship program to honor officers who have given their lives in the line of duty in Howard County.

Individual registration is \$20 and includes an event t-shirt and lunch. Family registration is \$35 and includes entry for all immediate family members in same household, as well as two event t-shirts and two meals. Participants can register on-line at [www.policepace.com](http://www.policepace.com).

# Police & Fire Expo Highlights Public Service Oct. 2

The Howard County Departments of Police and Fire & Rescue will host the *Howard County Police and Fire Expo* Sunday, Oct. 2 in Columbia. This year, the event will be sponsored by Apple Ford and will include a classic car show. As the sponsor, Apple Ford will make a donation to the Howard County Police Foundation.

The day will include exhibits of fire and police equipment and emergency vehicles, such as cars, trucks, bicycles, antiques and the police helicopter. Public safety officials will conduct demos of police K-9s and firefighting in action. The free event will include many activities for children and will be held near Lake Kittamaquidi from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



**Corrections:** PFC Scott Wheeler was named Officer of the Month in May. The August issue of *THE BEAT* incorrectly stated that he won the award in April. Also, the headline for an article about Police Pace in the last issue stated the event would take place Sept. 19; the correct date is Sept. 18.



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